MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): There was provision in one year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Only in one year?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I am not sure whether there was provision for it in more than one year. I am sorry I have not got that information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Beyond that provision in the budget once, was anything done for carrying out the work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No; the estimate had not then been prepared, and the usual Government approval had not been obtained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government approval been obtained now?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have not got that information before me.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to item No. (i), the member stated that Government do not intend to do anything further unless the people surrender the lands free.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): All that I said was that the parties interested had not yet surrendered the lands. Now, formal land acquisition proceedings are going on.

Damage caused by recent floods in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram.

57*. MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the distress of the ryots and the damages caused to them by the recent floods and that they had to renew cultivation more than once in some places even four times in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram;

(*b*) that representations were made to the Government in that behalf; and

(*c*) if so, what action they propose to take in order to relieve not only the distress caused thereby but also to relieve the burden of the taxation at least in view of their present distress?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Government are aware that in some places damage has been caused to standing crops and to cultivations already made for the Kanny crop of 1109.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The P. W. D. has been requested to effect the necessary improvement to the river banks, etc., and the Tahsildars have instructions to prepare detailed lists in respect of the damage to crops and to submit remission statements after personally inspecting and satisfying themselves of the necessity of the remission.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to expedite the report from the Tahsildars?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Certainly.

Appointment of Mr. C. S. Lakshmanan Pillai, Sirkar Vakil as Judge.

58*. MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Honorable High Court recently recommended Mr. C. S. Lakshmanan Pillai, Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam, to be appointed as a Judge;

(*b*) if so, when such recommendation was made, whether there was any one else recommended along with him; and whether his recommendation was an unanimous one by their Honours the Judges; and

(*c*) whether the Government accepted that recommendation, and if not, why not; if so, why the appointment is not yet made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. C. S. Lakshmanan Pillai, B. A., B. L., Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam, was recommended, by the High Court, to be appointed as a Temporary Second Judge.

(*b*) The recommendation was made in the High Court Registrar's letter No. 1061/C. S. dated the 9th June 1933. It was only in respect of Mr. C. S. Lakshmanan Pillai. The Government have no information whether the Judges were unanimous in recommending Mr. Lakshmanan Pillai.

(*c*) The recommendation was not accepted by Government. Mr. T. J. Joseph, B. A., B. L., Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam, was recommended in November 1932 by the High Court for appointment as Temporary Second Judge, if Sirkar Vakils were regarded as not subject to the 40 years' rule. At that, time the age-limit of 40 years was applicable to Sirkar Vakils. This rule has since been altered and Sirkar Vakils, who entered service before completion of their 40th year of age, are exempted from its operation. Government therefore decided that Mr. Joseph should, on grounds of efficiency, be appointed as Temporary Second Judge. The appointment has been given effect to in G. O. R. O. C. No. 1867/33/Judicial, dated the 28th July 1933.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the claims of Mr. C. S. Lakshmanan Pillai at least in the next vacancy?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No definite promise can be held out.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): To consider his claims?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Certainly, his claims will be considered.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether the previous recommendation of 1932, of the High Court, referred to by the member, was not considered by them later when they made their subsequent recommendation?

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